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Sterry, Ruth

NAME Sterry, Miss Ruth

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(DATE)

CITY:

Member Playground and Recreation Commission
January to July 1921

COUNTY:

STATE

FEDERAL:

CIVIC ACTIVITIES:

BUSINESS OR PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Reportorial
Journalism
Advertising
Publicity

PORTRAIT:

ATTACHED OR ENCLOSED IN ENVELOPE: none

PORTRAITS APPEARING ELSEWHERE (DATES)

No record

ANECDOTES AND PERSONAL IMPRESSIONS:

SOURCES OF INFORMATION:

BOOKS:

Hunt's California and Californians, 1926, Vol. III

NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS:

PERSONAL INTERVIEW:

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Biography

NAME Sterry, Miss Ruth

Occupation Retired Journalist and Publicist

Address 2632 Ellendale Place, Los Angeles

Birth (Date and Place) Emporia, Kansas

FATHER Judge Clinton Norman Sterry

Birth (Date and Place) 1845, Leroy, Ohio

If Deceased, When 1903

MOTHER Louise Augusta Slocum

Birth (Date and Place) Claremont, N.H.

If Deceased, When 1931

IF MARRIED, TO WHOM Not married

Birth of Same (Date and Place)

If Deceased, When

When Married

CHILDREN (Married Names of Daughters)

Charles Churchill Sterry, adopted son

ANCESTORS OF DISTINCTION OR LOCAL INTEREST

(Please include names of local interest as "forty-niners," or any one connected with the affairs or development of the state or city, as officials, professional men, merchants, etc.)

Father, Judge Clinton Norman Sterry, distinguished jurist of southern California, was a captain in the Civil War.

Mother was prominent in civic welfare, and philanthropic activities of the south.

EDUCATION (Schools, Colleges, Degrees, Etc.)

Public school education

CLUBS, LEARNED SOCIETIES, ETC.

Women's Political League

RELIGIOUS DENOMINATION Christian Science

POLITICAL AFFILIATIONS

RESIDENCE IN CALIFORNIA SINCE 1896

SKETCH

(Please make this as full as possible, giving business affiliations, positions of honor or trust with dates if possible.)

Ruth Sterry, daughter of Judge Clinton Norman Sterry, was born in Emporia, Kansas, and educated in the public schools. She was one of four children, each of whom was distinguished by intellectual talent.

Possessing a very engaging manner, combined with a forceful personality, Miss Sterry was a successful newspaper woman and journalist from 1910 to 1918. From 1918 to 1932, she established her own business as publicist and advertising agent in Los Angeles.

Appointed to the Board of Playground and Recreation Commissioners, January 4, 1921, Miss Sterry resigned after six months' service. She is now retired from active business.